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Senior Airman Jonathan

Ordonez prepares to cover a KC-135 Stratotanker engine after a refueling mission during the Rim of the Pacific 2010 exercise at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii. The exercise included 14 nations, 34 ships, five submarines, about 100 aircraft and more than 20,000 participants. Airman Ordonez is a crew chief with the 507th Aerial Maintenance Squadron at Tinker AFB, Okla.



1 An F-22 Raptor pitches out for landing while an F-15 Eagle flies the approach at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. The aircraft are from the U.S. Air Force Weapons School at Nellis AFB.

2 A pararescueman secures a sector of the landing zone before assisting "injured" personnel during an exercise at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan. The exercise tested the rescue squadron's ability to provide medical aid to U.S. and coalition forces.

3 Senior Airman Patrick Garner, a patrolman with the 316th Security Forces Squadron at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., fires a practice round out of a grenade launcher at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va.

4 Airman 1st Class Hunter Rains, a crew chief assigned to the 33rd Expeditionary Helicopter Maintenance Unit at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, inspects the tail rotor blade on an HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopter.

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1 An Air Force paratrooper

jumps from a C130J Super Hercules over Marnheim, Germany. The combined U.S. forces airborne jump was conducted to maintain proficiency and to inspire esprit de corps among paratroopers.

2 Air Force Basic Military

Training trainees begin the monkey bars obstacle at the confidence course at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. In BMT, trainees learn the critical importance of discipline, teamwork and foundational knowledge needed to succeed as Airmen.

3 A B-1B Lancer begins a training mission at Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D. Aircrews complete training sorties to meet certifications and to improve the skills necessary to save lives in combat.

4 Airmen assigned to the 455th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron unfurl a new fuel bladder at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan. The new fuel bladder can hold 200,000 gallons of jet fuel.

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AROUND THE AIR FORCE

1 Airmen perform a post flight check on an F-16 Fighting Falcon from a flying mission after its return to Joint Base Balad, Iraq. The Airmen are assigned to the 169th Maintenance Group at McEntire Joint National Guard Base, S.C.

photo by Tech Sgt. Caycee Cook



2 A firefighter from the 886th Civil Engineer Squadron responds to a "building fire" during an operational readiness exercise at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. An ORE incorporates a series of scenarios to evaluate a base's ability to execute operational duties under simulated wartime conditions.

3 Sixteen members of the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard Drill Team perform for members and families at Holloman Air Force Base, N.M. The drill team shows off Air Force precision, discipline, teamwork and professionalism.

4 Airmen from the 86th Airlift Wing participate in a wing run at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. The wing run was designed to promote esprit de corps and unity as well as to emphasize the importance of fitness.

5 Airmen and Soldiers from the North Dakota National Guard gathered at Camp Grafton South for a two-day marksmanship contest. The North Dakota National Guard Adjutant General's Combat Marksmanship Match is held annually to promote marksmanship training and proficiency.

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6 U.S. Air Force Academy Basic Cadet Elizabeth Hicks navigates the assault course in Jacks Valley, Colo. Basic cadets spend about two weeks in Jacks Valley learning how to work as a team to conduct military operations.

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photo by Senior Airman Caleb Pierce



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photo by Senior Master Sgt. David H. Lipp



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1 A 36th Airlift Squadron

C-130H Hercules from Yokota Air Base, Japan, deploys flares over Alaska as part of a training exercise during Red Flag Alaska 10-3.

2 Airmen at Andersen Air Force

Base, Guam, work with the crew from Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 to unload two Navy MH-60S Knighthawks from a C-17 Globemaster III. The aircraft arrived as part of an air asset rotation.

3 Senior Airman Jose Rodriguez

climbs into a fire tube boiler at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska. Airman Rodriguez is a heating, ventilation and air conditioning technician with the 354th Civil Engineer Squadron.

4 The crew of a ski-equipped

LC-130 Hercules from the New York Air National Guard's 109th Airlift Wing takes off from a remote science research site on Greenland's ice sheet. The 109th AW is the only military unit to fly such aircraft and has flown missions to Greenland since 1975. The unit now provides airlift support to the National Science Foundation's polar research program there.



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